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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Intelligence and Research
Department of State

SUBJECT : Classification of Documents Pertaining to U.S. Satellite Reconnaissance Capabilities

REFERENCE : Intelligence Note: Space Twins Set Stage for Harsher Attack on US Space Policy at the UNGA, dated 14 August 1962, Classified "Confidential"

1. Mr. McCone's copy of referenced note has been referred to my office. The adequacy of the level of security classification afforded the document has been questioned.

2. The document strongly implies a current successful United States satellite reconnaissance capability. As you are aware, the existence of such programs, together with operational and product information, are subject to strict security systems designed to restrict such knowledge to those who "must know."

3. Documents making any reference, however general, to the existing or future United States capabilities in this field should be classified no lower than "Top Secret." Further, the distribution of such documents should be extremely limited and handled within one of the special systems.

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.
Deputy Director
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